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Further, in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97(c) and 1.97(e)(1), the undersigned certifies that references 4, 12, 22 listed on the enclosed form PTO-1449 were cited in the International Search Report dated June 05, 2002, for a counterpart PCT application. A copy of the International Search Report for the counterpart PCT application is enclosed herewith.

With respect to patent applications, the applicants point out their duty under M.P.E.P. §2001.06(b) to disclose relevant patent applications of which they are aware. To this end, the applicants draw the Examiner's attention to the following patent applications;

1. U.S.S.N. 09/904,175, filed July 11, 2001 and U.S.S.N. 09/993,342, filed November 05, 2001.
2. U.S.S.N. 09/295,691, filed April 21, 1999.
3. U.S.S.N. 09/397,957, filed September 17, 1999.

None of the foregoing references are believed to disclose the invention as claimed.

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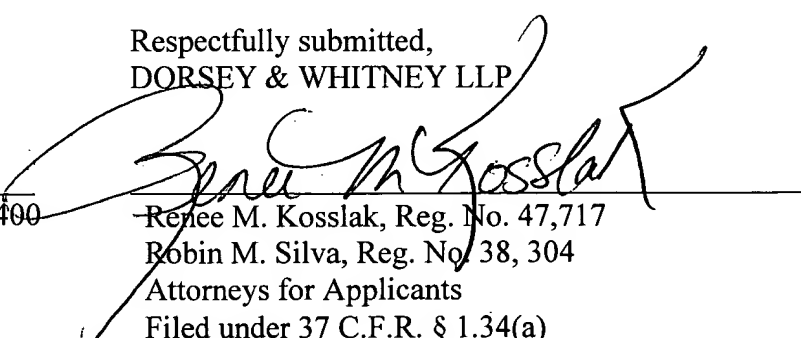
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